

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A head gimbal assembly comprising a gimbal suspension that includes a metal flexure bonded to a slider having a magnetic head element, wherein

a region of an oxide film on a slider-bonding surface of the flexure is ~~completely~~ or incompletely at least partially removed to form a film-removed region, and

conductive adhesive resin is disposed between the film-removed region and the slider.

2. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is formed by mechanical scratching.

3. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is formed by laser irradiation or electrical discharge in an inert atmosphere.

4. (Original) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 3, wherein the flexure and the slider are bonded with the conductive adhesive resin in the inert atmosphere for the laser irradiation or the electrical discharge.

5.-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the flexure has a U-shaped through groove forming a tongue on which the slider is disposed.

10. (Previously Presented) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the oxide film is adjacent to the film-removed region.

11. (Previously Presented) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the flexure that forms the film-removed region is thinner than a portion of the flexure that does not form the film-removed region.

12. (Previously Presented) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the film-removed region is substantially smaller than the slider.

13. (Currently Amended) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein no perforations in the flexure are present in the film-removed region.

14. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the oxide film on the slider-bonding surface of the flexure is completely removed.

15. (New) A head gimbal assembly comprising:  
a slider comprising a magnetic head element;  
a metal flexure comprising an oxide film, the metal flexure having a slider-bonding surface; and  
a conductive adhesive resin,  
wherein the slider-bonding surface comprises a film-removed region and the conductive adhesive resin is disposed between the film-removed region and the slider.

16. (New) A head gimbal assembly of claim 15, wherein the slider-bonding surface does not comprise oxide film.

17. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein the film-removed region is formed by mechanical scratching.

18. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein the film-removed region is formed by laser irradiation or electrical discharge in an inert atmosphere.

19. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 18, wherein the flexure and the slider are bonded with the conductive adhesive resin in the inert atmosphere for the laser irradiation or the electrical discharge.

20. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein the flexure has a U-shaped through groove forming a tongue on which the slider is disposed.

21. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein a region of the oxide film region is adjacent to the film-removed region.

22. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein a region of the flexure comprising the film-removed region is thinner than a region of the flexure that does not comprise the film-removed region.

23. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein the film-removed region is substantially smaller than the slider.

24. (New) A head gimbal assembly according to Claim 15, wherein the film-removed region does not contain perforations.